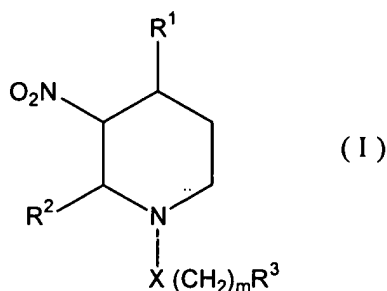


c.) Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A piperidine derivative represented by formula (I):



wherein

m represents an integer of 0 to 5;

R¹ and R² independently represent a substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted lower alkenyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted lower alkynyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group;

R³ represents a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; and

X represents a bond or CO;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein the heterocyclic groups in R¹, R² and R³ independently represent (i) a 5- or 6-membered monocyclic aromatic heterocyclic group containing at least one nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur atom, (ii) an aromatic heterocyclic group containing at least one nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur atom having two or three fused 3- to 8-membered rings, (iii) a 5- or 6-membered monocyclic or alicyclic heterocyclic group containing at

least one nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur atom, or (iv) an alicyclic heterocyclic group containing at least nitrogen, oxygen or a sulfur atom having two or three fused 3- to 8-membered rings;

wherein at least one of R¹, R², and R³ is 6-membered monocyclic aromatic heterocyclic group or a 6-membered monocyclic alicyclic heterocyclic group.

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2. (Original) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein R¹ is a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, and R² is a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group.

3. (Original) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein m is 1 and X is a bond.

4. (Original) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 2, wherein m is 1 and X is a bond.

5. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition which comprises as an active ingredient the piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to any one of claims 1 to 4, and a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

6. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a patient with ~~tumor~~ cancer, which comprises administering to said patient a pharmacologically effective amount of the piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to any one of claims 1 to 4.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of treating a patient according to claim 6 9, wherein the tumor is pancreatic cancer.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of treating a patient according to claim 6 9, wherein the tumor is colon cancer.

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9. (New) The method of treating a patient according to claim 6, wherein the cancer is a tumor.

10. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein m is 0.

11. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein m is 1.

12. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein m is 2.

13. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein m is 3.

14. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein m is 4.

15. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable

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salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein m is 5.

16. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 10, wherein X is a bond.

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17. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 12, wherein X is a bond.

18. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 13, wherein X is a bond.

19. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 14, wherein X is a bond.

20. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 15, wherein X is a bond.

21. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 10, wherein X is CO.

22. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 11, wherein X is CO.

23. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 12, wherein X is CO.

24. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 13, wherein X is CO.

25. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 14, wherein X is CO.

26. (New) The piperidine derivative or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 15 wherein X is CO.
